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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CASE

REF: THE HAGUE 3263

1. NEITHER THIS DEPARTMENT NOR THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THE BESSIE WOODS CASE. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, MS. WOODS IS A YOUNG BLACK WOMAN CONVICTED IN RENTZ, GEORGIA IN JUNE 1975 OF KILLING A WHITE MAN. SHE IS SERVING CONCURRENT 10 YEAR AND 12 YEAR TERMS FOR MANSLAUGHTER AND ARMED ROBBERY. HER SUPPORTERS CONTEND THAT SHE SHOT THE VICTIM WITH HIS OWN GUN WHEN HE TRIED TO RAPE HER AND A WOMAN FRIEND WHO WERE HITCHHIKING. THIS ISSUE WAS GIVEN INCREASED PUBLIC ATTENTION THIS WEEK WITH PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS OF A RALLY OF 150 DEMONSTRATORS IN PLAINS, GEORGIA ON JULY 4TH DEMANDING MS. WOODS FREEDOM.

2. THE WOODS CASE IS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. EMBASSY MAY INFORM GROUP IT WILL ACCEPT PRO-UNCLASSIFIED

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TEST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PROPER AUTHORITIES. (FYI--WE WILL FORWARD TO GOVERNMENT OF GEORGIA VIA THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE, BUT IT WOULD BE MORE EXPEDITIOUS IF GROUP WOULD ADDRESS ITS APPEAL DIRECTLY TO GEORGIA GOVERNOR, GEORGE BUSBEE, IN ATLANTA. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THIS TO GROUP, IF IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE. PREFERABLY, DIRECT APPEAL SHOULD BE SENT WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO EMBASSY OR DEPT. END FYI) VANCE

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